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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Geneva

THIS Geneva conference which is scheduled to begin today faces its greatest threat before the delegates can even attend the first assembly. Treacherously Russia has again insisted that the conference is one of "the Great Powers". It is not and was never intended to be anything but a meeting of all nations participating in the Korean war invited by the Big Four powers. China is therefore there as one of the participants in the Korean war. The Geneva talks in so far as Korea is concerned are merely an extension of the broken-off Panmunjom truce talks. If and when the conference begins, however, perhaps the greatest concern to the West is not the magnitude and complexity of the Korean and Indo-Chinese problems so much as the apparent wide differences between the views of America on the one hand and Britain and France on the other on the ending of the Indo-China war. It appears for instance that for the sake of a cease-fire the principle of territorial partition is acceptable to Britain and France but America's view ignores this consideration entirely. Far from approaching the Indo-China question from the point of view of an immediate cease-fire America seems to place greater emphasis on military action to strengthen the West's hand for political discussions later. The only conclusion to be drawn from this is that in Washington's view the Geneva meeting is premature.

YEWHAT of the Indo-China campaign? Militarily it is conceded the war cannot be won; it must not be lost; yet it must be ended. Whatever approach the West adopts it must remember that France as a colonial power has the obligation to ensure that under her promise to grant full independence to Vietnam the Vietnamese people will have the choice of their new government and that they will not be sacrificed to a new form of colonialism directed from Peking. On the other side of the conference table at Geneva sit the Communists whose intentions and tactics one may suspect but which will not be known until the talks begin. There is a feeling current in the West that China which has to fulfil a more demanding industrialisation programme this year can ill-afford military adventures on the lines of wholesale intervention in Indo-China. The target for industrial production is 17 per cent higher than last year's. If this is to be China's policy, henceforth it will demand a reconsideration of the strategic ban on trade which, together with the easing of tension in the Far East, is the most Hongkong can hope for at Geneva.

THE Korean problem is inclined to be relegated to a lower order on the business sheet. The two subjects are to be treated separately (e.g. so that a breakdown on Korea would not necessarily prejudice the talks on Indo-China) but potentially the failure of the Korean talks could be extremely serious. It is regrettable that South Korea sees military action as the most acceptable way of unifying Korea when the problem is essentially a political one. But perhaps the most depressing feature of East-West negotiations is that in the past the West and Russia have shown they have completely different definitions of such an essential basic term as "free and independent elections". It would be fatally easy to fall into the belief that if diplomacy fails, since "war is only an extension of diplomacy", military action is the next course. If the conference cannot achieve any concrete results at least the door should be left open for further talks.

"RESCUE DIEN BIEN PHU GARRISON" ORDER Defenders Almost At Their Last Gasp

From RUSSELL SPURR

HANOI, Apr. 25. The French Government has ordered General Navarre to "rescue" the gallant garrison of Dien Bien Phu. Or at least to press a diversionary attack which would draw off some of the 40,000 Vietminh rebels now closing in on the crumbling jungle fortress.

An urgent personal message from the French War Minister, M. Plevien, to the French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China paid a tribute to the courage of General de Castries and his men, but asked "how much longer can they hold on?"

Already the main airstrip is in enemy hands. Ammunition, food and medical supplies are desperately short. New infiltration tactics by hand-picked Communist commandos are wearing down the weary defenders.

The situation is so grave that a state of emergency may be declared throughout Indo-China.

EDEN TELLS DULLES

Britain Cannot Give Substantial Aid To Indo-China

Geneva, Apr. 26.

A usually reliable source said here early this morning that Mr Anthony Eden told Mr John Foster Dulles the British Government had decided it could not give substantial aid to the French forces in Indo-China at present.

The two Foreign Secretaries met within an hour after Mr Eden arrived here last night from London, where he attended two emergency meetings of the Cabinet Defence Committee called by Sir Winston Churchill to discuss France's rapidly deteriorating military position in Indo-China.

The French Government is understood to have appealed for swift British and American help to relieve the Vietnamese pressure and specially for military and transport aircraft.

The reason for the British decision was not known.

After M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, made the request at the three-Power talks in Paris yesterday, Mr Eden abandoned his plan to travel directly to Geneva and flew instead back to London for talks with Sir Winston Churchill.

A high American source said here last night the United States could not increase its already heavy aid to France without virtually becoming a belligerent in the conflict. Constitutional considerations alone prevented this and the United States could not directly intervene in Indo-China in present circumstances.

MEETING MOLOTOV

Shortly after Mr Eden and Mr Dulles met here last night, it was officially announced that Mr Eden would call on Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, this morning to discuss final arrangements for the 10-nation conference on the future of Korea opening in the afternoon.

Main topic of the Eden-Molotov talk will be the question of chairmanship of the conference still undecided. Mr Eden is expected to seek a rotating chairmanship between the Big Four sponsoring Powers—Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union. But if Mr Molotov calls for the inclusion of Communist China in the rota, as he is ex-

pected to do, Mr Eden will put forward other alternatives agreed between the Western Foreign Ministers in Paris yesterday.

The alternatives for an agreement on chairmanship of the conference are believed to include the appointment of a permanent neutral chairman.

DULLES' OPPOSITION

Difficulty over chairmanship of the conference arose from the opposition of Mr John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, to sit under the chairmanship of Communist China and North Korea, both branded as aggressors in Korea by the United Nations.

Mr Eden flew here during the night by way of Paris after talks in London on Saturday and Sunday with Sir Winston Churchill.

He also attended an emergency meeting of the British Cabinet on Sunday morning. It was believed that his talks with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet meeting were focused on the worsening French military position in Indo-China. It was also believed that Mr Eden had arrived here with an up-to-date briefing on British military commitments in Southeast Asia as a result of his unexpected London talks.

Mr Eden told reporters in a brief statement at Geneva airport: "We are all very grateful to the Swiss Government for their friendly welcome. We join with them in hoping that this conference will make a lasting and enduring contribution to confidence and peace."

WEATHER Light variable winds, mainly southerly, cloudy with fair periods but occasional thundery showers are expected at times.

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Fire Halts Cold War

Berlin, Apr. 25. The "cold war" was temporarily forgotten here today when West Berlin firemen joined East German People's Police and Soviet soldiers in fighting a forest blaze just outside Berlin.

East German border police allowed three West Berlin fire engines to pass over the British sector border into the Soviet zone where 40,000 square yards of a young forest plantation were in flames.

When the West Berlin firemen left the area after putting out the fire, a People's Police officer thanked them for their help.

This was the first time in years that East German police had allowed entry to West Berlin firemen. On previous occasions they had refused Western help.—Reuter.

CAR RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 26. An Israeli Army spokesman said last night that an Israeli military vehicle was fired on yesterday near Miflassim, facing the Egyptian-held Gaza strip.

The car was riddled with bullets and a rescue party that arrived to help it also came under fire, the spokesman said.

United Nations observers investigated the incident.

The Israeli spokesman said "Egyptian acts of aggression" along the Gaza strip had increased in the past few weeks.—Reuter.

RADIO PICTURE RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIA VIA LONDON SHOWS
Mrs Petrov, wife of the Soviet diplomat who sought political asylum, being hustled to the plane that took her from Sydney to Darwin, en route to Russia. At Darwin Mrs Petrov also decided to request asylum in Australia, which was granted her.

Central Press Photo.

Earthquake Rocks Parts Of California

San Francisco, Apr. 25.

A "strong" 20-minute earthquake followed by a single aftershock rocked northern California today, cracking roads, setting off landslides and clearing public buildings and homes of panicky residents.

Seismologists said the tremor, which occurred at 1:33 p.m., was centred in the Gilroy-Hollister area at the intersection of the Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz county lines.

It registered a magnitude of five on instruments, which is considered "strong." It compares to a magnitude of 8.5 for the famed San Francisco 1906 earthquake which also occurred in April.

Reports of property damages in the San Francisco Bay area and northern California flooded into police authorities, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

W. C. Marion, University of California seismologist, said the rolling shock was so prolonged because of its magnitude. It was followed by an aftershock at 2:28 p.m.

"An earthquake of such magnitude continues to give surface waves for some time," Marion said.

CAUSES LANDSLIDE

A landslide triggered by the quake blocked the Chitten Pass Road, West of Hollister near the Santa Cruz county line.

Floods of calls into the San Francisco police department reported cracked plaster, broken crockery, and swaying lights. Several sunset district callers said streets were being filled with neighbours who ran out of their homes with the jolt.

The Oakland police dispatcher said the tremor felt like a "ship rolling" and set lights to swinging throughout the radio room.

The quake was felt in San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, San Jose, Hollister, Alameda, San Bruno, Martinez, Pittsburg, Concord and Walnut Creek.

It reached down as far as Carmel on the Monterey peninsula.

It occurred 48 years and one day to the day after the famed San Francisco earthquake of 1906 which was followed by flames that nearly levelled the city, resulted in 452 dead, 1,500 injured and property damage of \$350,000,000.—United Press.

11 Killed In 3 Accidents

Manila, Apr. 26. Eleven persons were killed in three violent accidents reported yesterday in widely separated parts of the Philippines.

Six persons were fatally injured and sixteen others hurt seriously when a lumber truck in which they were riding overturned in the Nuwa Ecija province on central Luzon.

In another accident, two persons were killed and 15 others injured in a head-on collision between two drags in the Iloilo province in the Visayan Islands.

In the Batangas province on southern Luzon, a speeding transportation bus swiped a passenger truck, resulting in the death of one person and the injury of four others.

In nearby Pasay city, a two-year-old boy was knocked down and killed by a motorcyclist. Twenty-four persons were killed and 150 injured in a recent night drop. Seventy (Oriental, on back page, Oct. 20).

Australian Diplomats Fail To Get Soviet Exit Visas

Moscow, Apr. 25.

The Australian Embassy staff in Moscow, under Russian orders to leave the Soviet Union, still waited for exit visas tonight while the train out of Russia left a Moscow station.

The Australians, headed by the Charge d'Affaires, Mr Brian Hill, were on Friday given two to three days in which to leave the Soviet Union.

They had been ordered to close down the Embassy after a Soviet diplomat, Mr Vladimir Petrov, and his wife had been given political asylum in Australia.

There is no way the Australians can get away from Moscow and out of the Soviet Union before then unless they fly.

That is difficult because they want to take with them the belongings they have been packing in the last two days.

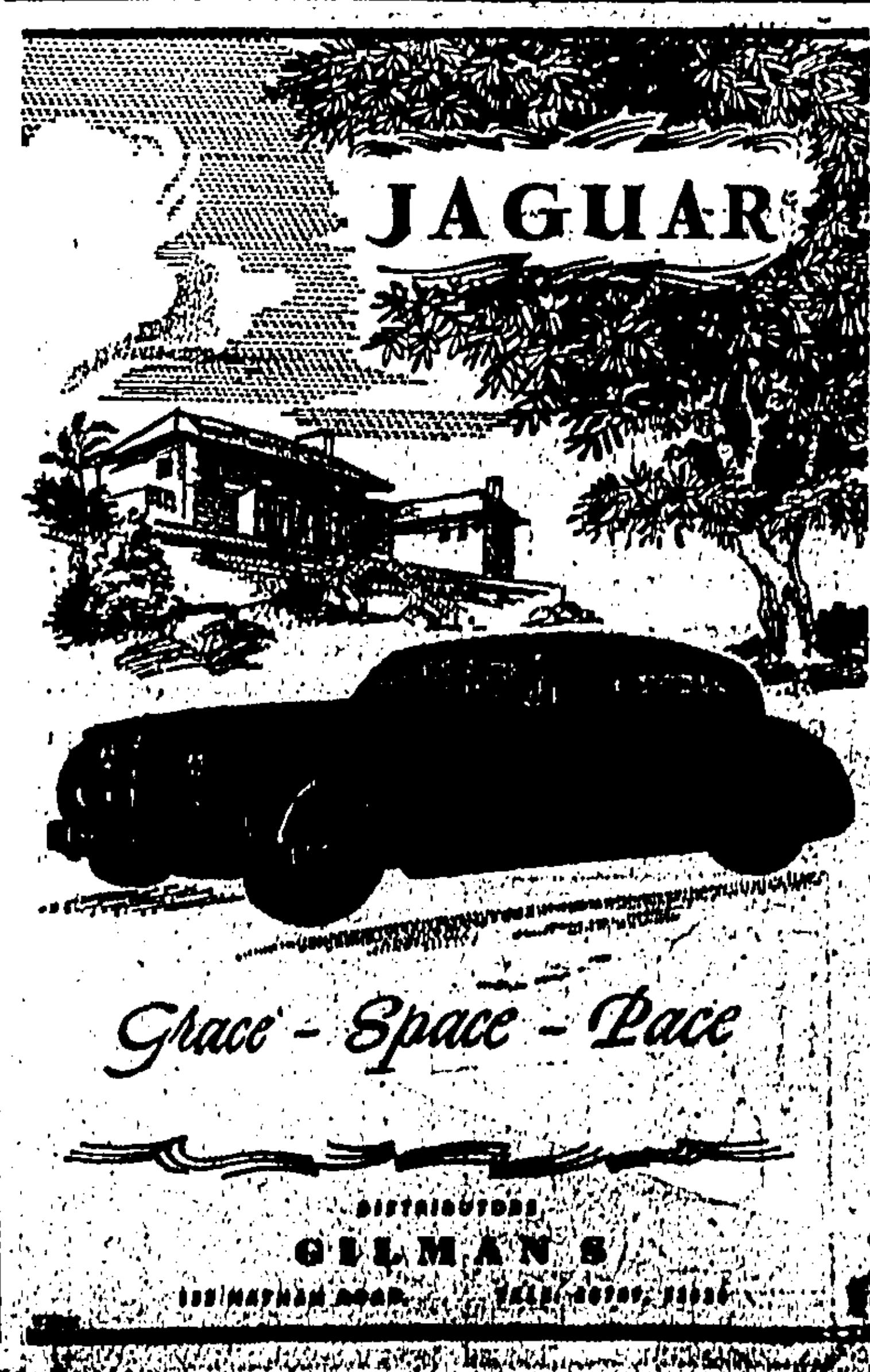
Fifty cases and 25 trunks waited in the Embassy tonight while the minutes rolled on for the time of the departure of the Helsinki train—but there was no news from the Foreign Ministry.

SWEDEN ACCEPTS JOB

Stockholm, Apr. 25.

Sweden has agreed to represent Soviet interests in Australia. It was learned tonight.

The Soviet Union has broken off diplomatic relations with Australia after a dispute over Nikolai Petrov, the Soviet diplomat, who sought political asylum in Australia.—France-Press.



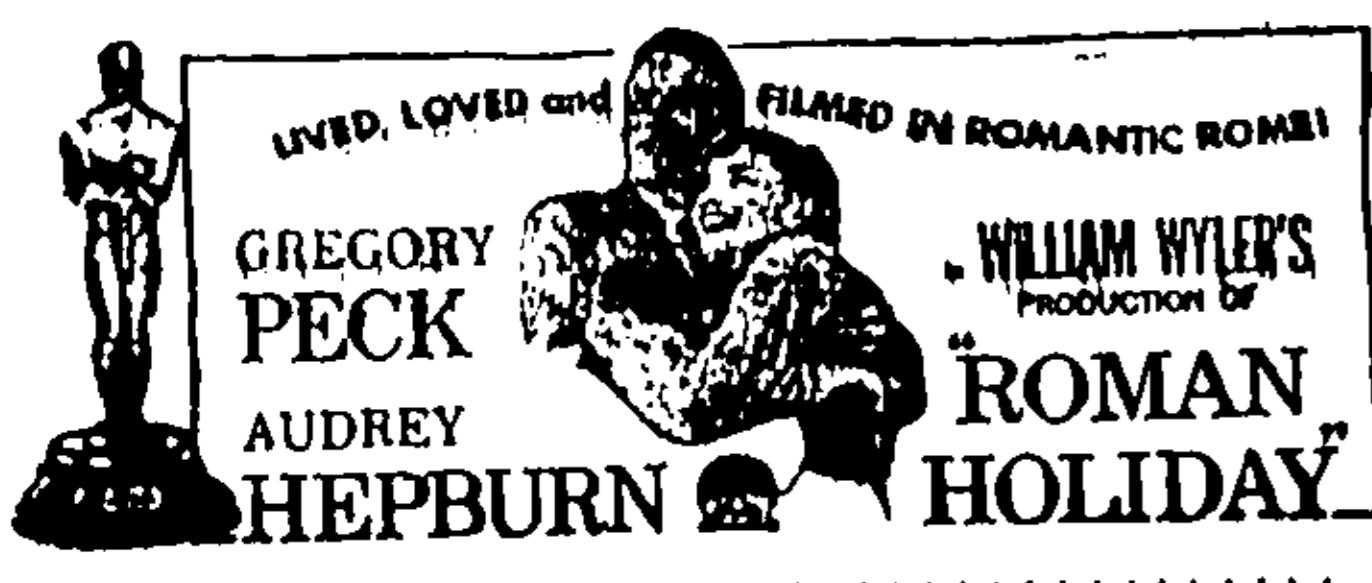
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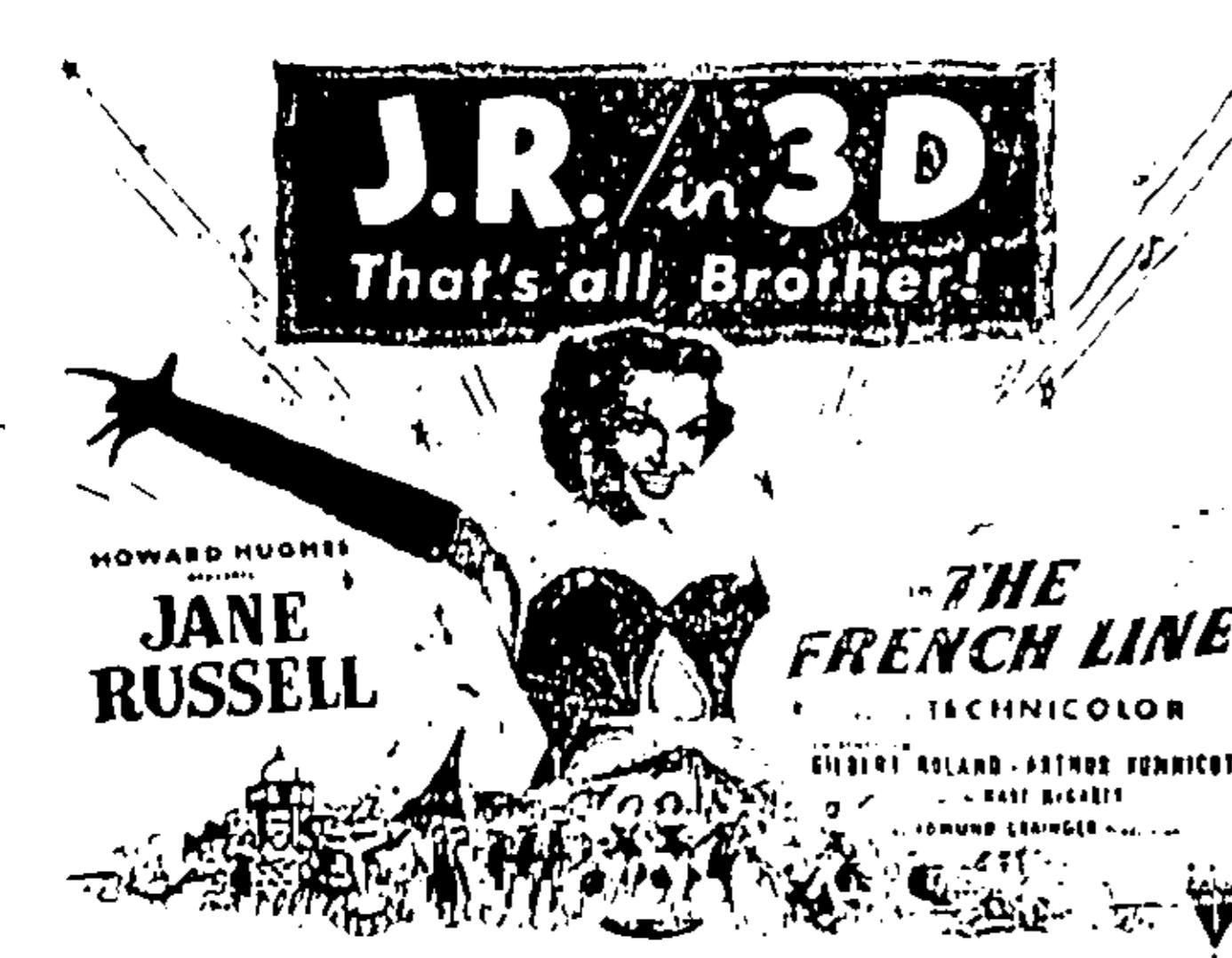
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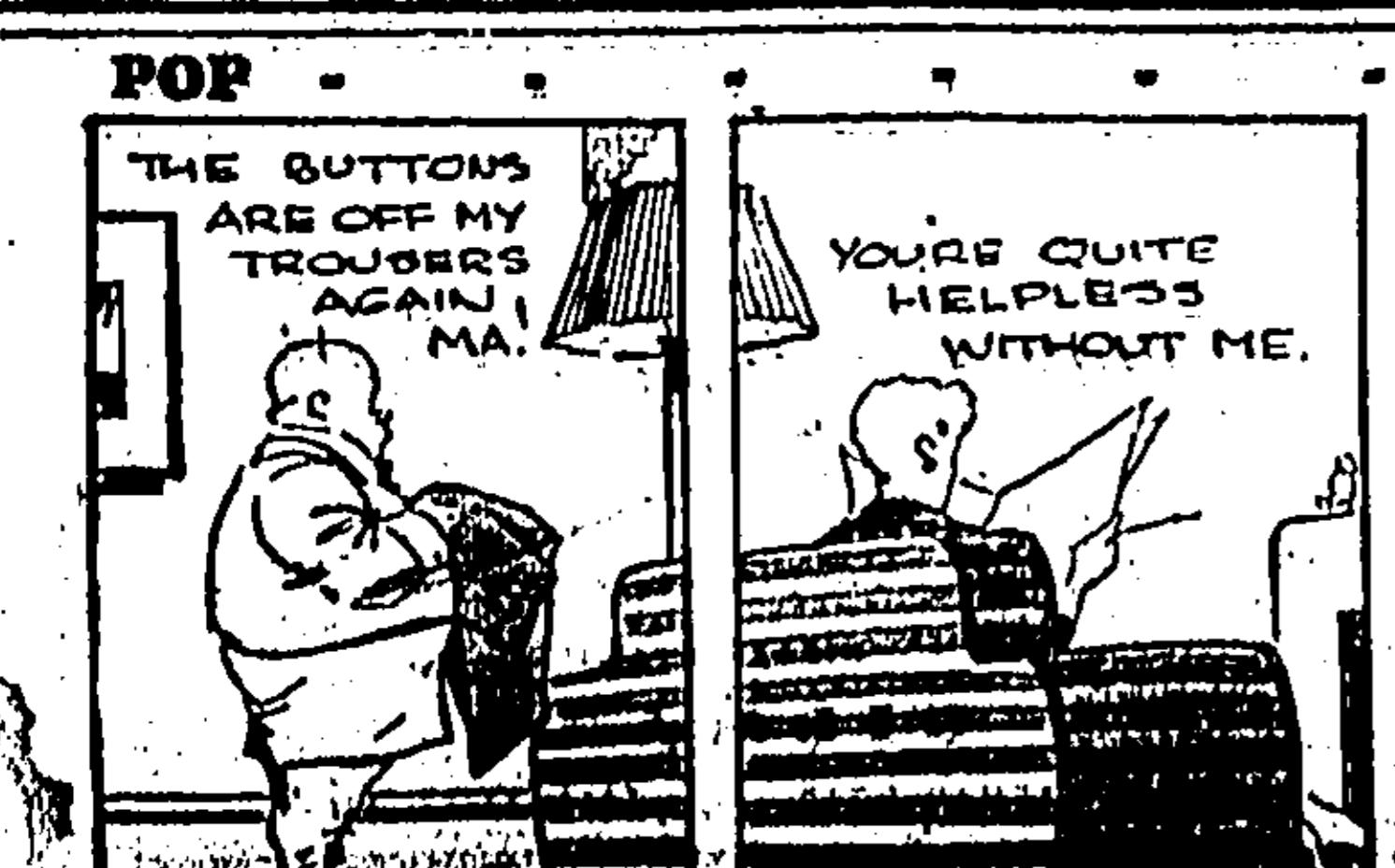
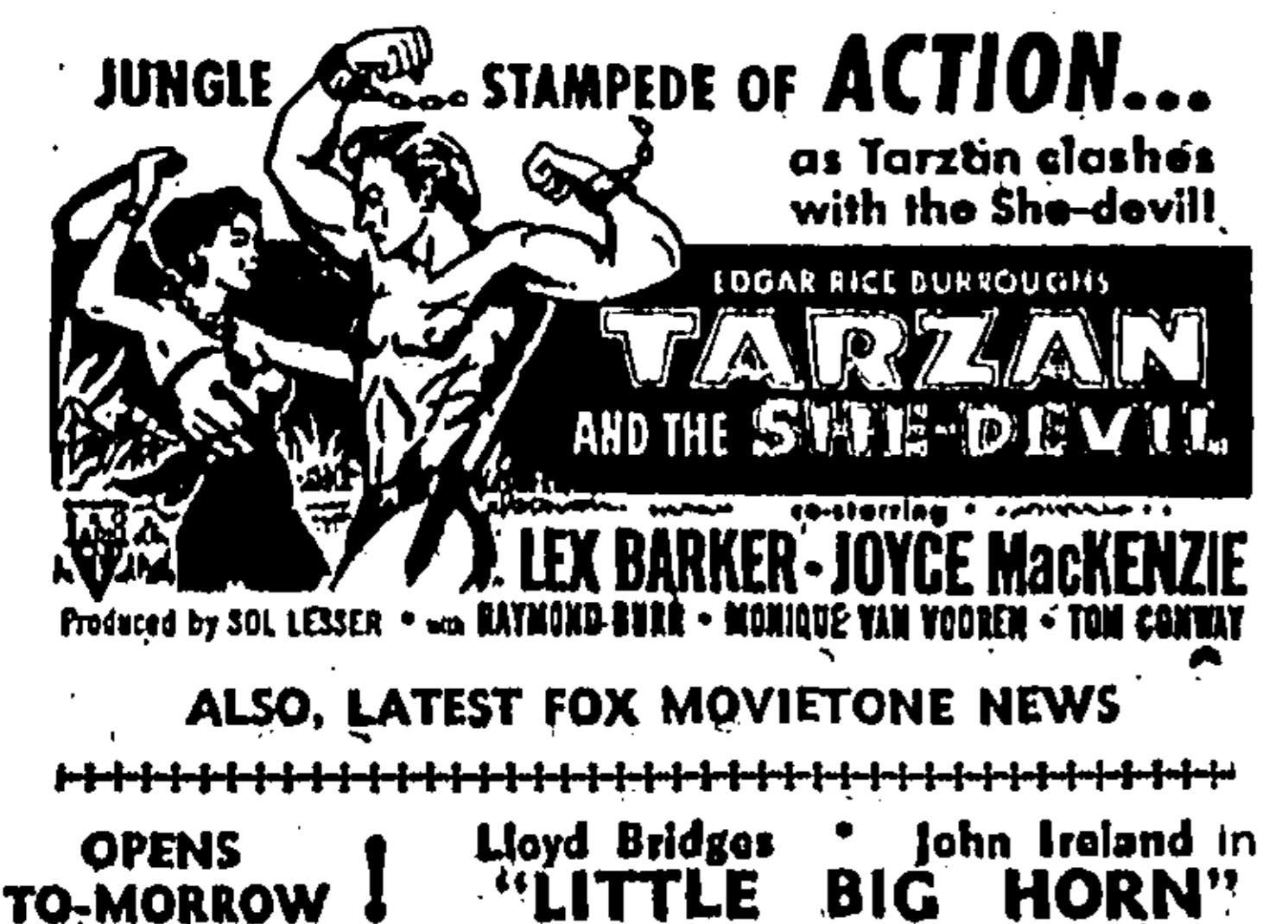
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McCARTHY ACCUSED OF LYING Assistant Defence Secretary's Reply To Charges

Washington, Apr. 25. The Assistant Defence Secretary Mr. H. Struve Hensel accused Sen. Joseph McCarthy today of lying about Mr. Hensel's business dealings and said the Senator's own financial affairs should be investigated.

Mr. Hensel made the charge in a 10-page formal reply to Senator McCarthy's charge that Mr. Hensel "master-minded" Army charges against him and Roy M. Cohn to mask "misconduct and possible law violation."

Senator McCarthy, who returned only shortly before from a weekend speech-making jaunt, was not immediately available for comment on Mr. Hensel's stinging counter-attack.

Mr. Hensel's statement was filed with the Senate investigating sub-committee which resumes its stormy inquiry tomorrow.

The defense official described Senator McCarthy's charges "malicious lie" and said the Senator must have known they were false when he made them.

Mr. Hensel said his only role in the Army-McCarthy dispute was to supervise the preparation of the Army's original listing of events relating to it. This, he said, was done while he was still Defence Department general counsel.

As for his connection with a shop supply firm cited by Senator McCarthy, Mr. Hensel said these deals were "perfectly legitimate" and were "outside the scope" of the hearings anyway.

NO CONCLUSIONS

If the sub-committee did look into them, he said, "it should at the same time require Senator McCarthy to subject to the same scrutiny his financial affairs, which have been under investigation," by a Senate elections sub-committee.

The Senate has protested in writing to General Rene Cogny, Commander of the French Union forces in northern Indo-China, and the Governor of Northern Vietnam, Mr. Nguyen Huu Trich.

Vietminh troops blew up 11 aircraft on the airport in a night raid last month. Since then guards have been strengthened and restrictions imposed on unauthorised persons.—Reuter.

Khokhlov Asks Russia: "Free My Wife"

Bonn, Apr. 25. Captain Nikolai Khokhlov, Soviet "assassin" who surrendered to the American authorities in West Germany, will wait at least three weeks in the hope that Russia will let his wife and son join him in exile, American officials said today.

If they come, the family is expected to leave Europe immediately, probably for the United States, otherwise Captain Khokhlov may fly to the United States alone.

An American note on Friday protested to the Russians against the murder mission which brought Captain Khokhlov to the West. He told a press conference last week he was sent with two East Germans to kill a prominent anti-Communist Russian exile with poison bullet pistols.

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NO MILLIONAIRES AMONG THE BRITISH ROTHSCHILDS

By FRANCIS MARTIN

AFTER a lapse of 15 years gold is again having its pulse taken in the City every morning at 10.30. At that hour six sober-suited experts go up a stair from the ground floor to the first at New Court, St. Swithin's Lane.

The present Lord Rothschild, who worked at New Court for two months as a young man but found it boring and became a research scientist instead, says, "Owing to death duties, etc., I doubt if any British-born Rothschild is a millionaire in the strict sense of the word, but I also doubt if any of them fails to come into the category of being exceedingly well-off."

The present senior partner, Anthony Gustav de Rothschild, great grandson of Nathan Mayer, is small, dry, reticent, polite and 66.

Strap-hanger

Every morning he comes up to Euston on his season ticket from Leighton Buzzard, where he lives in a big house now owned by the National Trust, who accepted also his old masters and rare Oriental porcelains. From Euston to St. Swithin's Lane he travels by tube, sometimes strap-hanging, sometimes with his head in his newspaper.

Sitting at his great brass-gated desk in the partners' room, Mr Anthony presides informally at policy conferences, interviews important clients from all over the world, and on an exceptionally busy day, signs up to 1,000 documents, including letters, cheques and bills of exchange.

Fat Profit

These transactions brought fat profit to the London house of Rothschild, which Nathan Mayer had founded a few years earlier.

They also greatly buttressed Rothschild prestige. That New Court has again become the official hub of the London gold market is proof that the Rothschilds' prestige still stands high.

But what of Rothschild power? Once upon a time the family had banks, counting houses and strong rooms in five European capitals. They influenced or, as some alleged, dictated the financial policies of half the world. Since then three of the five branches have been wiped out by wars and political upheavals, leaving only London and Paris.

The Rothschilds of the palmy days lived in private palaces as

"Need he sign them all himself?" I once asked.

"It's the tradition at New Court," replied a subordinate, "that the senior partner shall sign as many documents as he can. A big name's a big thing."

Mr Anthony's desk is the one at which his grandfather, Baron Lionel, sat in 1875, when Disraeli's emissary asked him if he could raise £4,000,000 overnight for the purchase of Suez Canal shares. Lionel ate a grape, thought for a moment, and said Yes.

Nearer the monumental fire-place is another desk of similar pattern. Here sits Mr Anthony's nephew and junior partner, Edmund Leopold de Rothschild. Mr Eddy is under 40 and has a beaming, blue-eyed smile, a little black moustache and crinkly hair carefully arranged over baldness.

It is Mr Eddy who starts most of the small talk at the daily luncheon in the partners' dining-room, a splendid, rather sombre retreat watched over by a

stately butler and ancestral portraits.

Guests at the daily Rothschild lunch vary from two to perhaps half a dozen. They include M.P.s, American businessmen, the occasional statesman, friends of the family. The old banker baron from Paris. The wines are impeccable, the cigars impeccable.

After lunch the guests take a look at Rothschild relics. Here is a tiny shoe of gold that came from China. Here are little gold beetles found in a bag of sovereigns that was bought in Paris during the 'thirties.

No Idea

"Nobody has the faintest idea how they got there," says Mr Anthony. Here is a yellowed chart listing gold coins and gold ingots which Nathan Mayer impudently smuggled across a hostile France to Wellington's starving troops in the Peninsula.

But enough of relics. With the reopening of the Fixing Room upstairs, gold has come back to the City in a more realistic way. And New Court has recaptured a bit of its old glory.



"Good heavens—a horror weapon like this should just about put a stop to war in the future!"

Continuing The Adventure Of Foulkes Rath

The Skull Was Cleft Like A Rotten Apple

The new exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE:

Colonel Matthias Addleton, the richest landowner in the region of Ashdown Forest, Sussex, is found dead in the manor house of Foulkes Rath after dinner one evening with his skull split open with an axe. The household at Foulkes Rath consisted of Squire Addleton, his nephew Percy Longton, the butler Morstead and four servants. According to a newspaper report, there had been heated words between the Squire and his nephew that evening which had been overheard by the household, and, dying in the butler's arms, Addleton had whispered, "It was Longton!" The affair brings the family lawyer, Mr Vincent, to consult Sherlock Holmes, and together with Dr Watson, they set out for Foulkes Rath.

We had topped the hill and I was absorbed in the wonderful view of the moorland rolling away and away to the faint blue distances of the Sussex Downs when Mr Vincent touched my arm and pointed ahead.

"Foulkes Rath," he said.

On the crest of the moor stood a gaunt rambling house of grey stone flanked by a line of stables. A series of fields running from the very walls of the ancient mansion merged into a

"Oh, he did, did he!" snapped Inspector Lestrade, with a baleful glance at the little lawyer. "Well, it's too late now for any of Mr Holmes' fine theories. We have our man. Good day, gentlemen."

"Just a moment, Lestrade," said Holmes' steely.

"I've made mistakes in the past, and it is not impossible that you may make them in the future.

In this case, if you have the right man—and I must confess that up to now I believe that you have—then you have nothing to lose in my confirmation. On the other hand—"

"Save him," she cried wildly.

"He is innocent, I swear it! Oh, Mr Sherlock Holmes, save my husband!"

"Sgt. Down, Watson," he cried.

"Over there on the trestle," Then, whipping his lens from his pocket, he commenced his examination.

"He is the kindest of men."

"Quite so, but I mean physically. For instance, would you say that he was taller than Squire Addleton?"

Mrs Longton looked at Holmes in amazement. "Good Heavens, no," she cried. "Why, the Squire was over six feet tall."

"Ah, now, Mr Vincent, perhaps you can inform me when it was that Squire Addleton first began to sell portions of the estate?"

"The first sale occurred two years past, the second some six months ago," replied the lawyer hurriedly. "And now, Mr Holmes, unless you require my presence, I propose to take Mrs Longton back to the drawing-room."

"Stand back, Watson," Holmes enjoined abruptly. "I take it, Lestrade, that there were no footprints on—" he gestured toward that dreadful floor.

"Just one, Mr Holmes," replied Lestrade with a bitter smile, "and it fitted Mr Percy Longton's bedroom slipper."

"Ah, it would seem that you are learning. By the way, what of the accused man's dressing gown?"

"Well, what of it?"

"The walls, Lestrade, the walls! Surely the blood-spattered front of Longton's robe goes towards completing your case."

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"But, that is natural enough considering that he helped to raise the dying man's head. There is little to be gained from the sleeves. You have the dressing gown there!"

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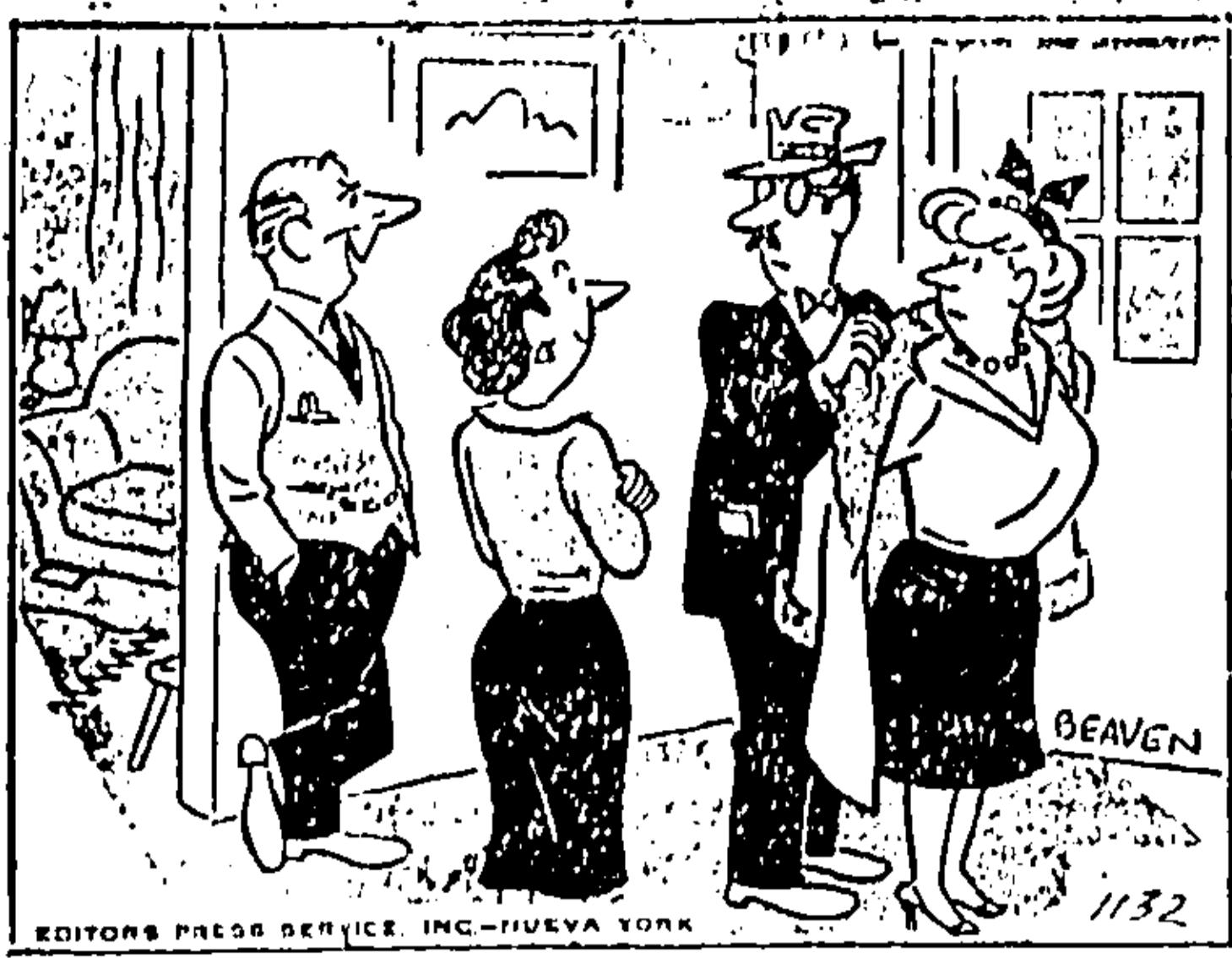
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"That's what I like about you folks—you can take a hint!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THIS is the first time for 356 years that March 29 has fallen on a Monday.

Prodromos: That sounds most likely. Have you checked it twice?

Myslef: No. It is the kind of statement that starts a discussion, and makes people look things up.

The Bloodstained Poodle (XXI)

If Ian Cullen had known that when he left his passport with the reception clerk at the Excelsior Palace Hotel in Shillong, India, dressed whom Biplab had mistaken for Baron Krakle, he would not have accepted a drugged cocktail from a lady in a cage-like cage, and thus been kidnapped by the Pulin Bicamet. So while Cullen lay on a stupor on the floor, Kordell, the sleekest agent of the British Ministry of Murder, denouncing the laundress (who, of course, was Sonali of the counter espionage police) as a Trotterite, charged her with intellectual, and—

Prodromos: One moment I thought there something left out! The

numbers of the chapters are all wrong and it is impossible to make sense of all this.

Myslef: If sense is what you're after, write whining up the wrong tree!

Democracy in the home

ONE thing interests me about the coming political television parties is the popularity of the home. Who wants to control history and carry it off? If a Tory invites a Socialist to see a Tory speaker, and *voilà!* offers him a drink and some sandwiches, it's a good enough argument at birth, as if it were done while enveloping for a vote. In former times, we do such a touring tradition that the host will be afraid to give his guest a match for his hero?

Now you must admit our may's pretty good, was impressed. May I have one of those cakes?

Certainly not. They'd report me.

Then I don't vote for your man. "Oh, well, take a look at two when no one's looking."

In passing

THE reactionary idea that the scientists should be expected to know what they are doing when they apply atomic bombs is just plain ground. But trust them to have an answer to everything. The recent burning of Japanese homes was due to irresponsible mad men. All you have to do is when a bomb is exploded is to be about 5,000 miles away, with the wind in the right direction.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

THOMAS CRIER

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation
(Solution on Page 10)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 26

BORN today, you have wanting ambition—but rather for the sake of bringing the world your material wealth and happiness than your own personal achievement. You have native intelligence, artistic talents, the ability to make and keep friends, and capacity for making friends.

Your ambitions are strong, and you will do everything in your power to bring happiness to those you love. Since you have an active, restless nature, the time for events is moving too slowly where you are, so off somewhere else, where things are more exciting.

You are fond of beautiful clothes and jewels, if a woman, and will

have the social graces which make you popular wherever you go. Your popularity makes it easy for you to mingle with all kinds of people. Demote the fact that family ties are strong, and the company of other people, making your home a natural centre of activity.

Among those who were born on this day are John James Audubon, naturalist; Robert Herivel, author; Martha Finley, writer; Louis Untermeyer, poet; and Henry M. Stimson, statesman.

To find what the stars have in store for you, turn to your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—It is possible you'll have a really bad attack of spring fever! Do the best you can to dispel it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Find out what you really want most out of life and then go after it. Seek your own happiness.

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BBBC Gives Extra Punch To The Coming British Boxing Season

London, Apr. 25. Four British boxing champions—whether they like it or not—must fight to keep their titles by September 30.

The British Boxing Board of Control has given extra punch to the coming summer season with this order affecting Terry Allen (flyweight), John Kelly (bantam), Randolph Turpin (middle) and Alex Buxton (light-heavy).

PUI CHING WIN SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The Ninth Inter School Invitational Athletic Meeting organised by the South China Athletic Association, ended successfully at Crofton Hill yesterday with over 30 schools participating.

The Inter-Scholastic champion up shield was awarded to the Pui Ching Middle School which had a total aggregate of 191 points. The runner-up was the Hong Kong Technical College with 93 points.

In the Junior section, New Methods College took the honours by gathering 61 points, followed by Tai Tong, 56, while the midget section, Pui Ching came in first with 50 points.

In the Ladies' section, Pui Kiu was first with a total of 40 points, followed by Pui To with 41 points, while in their Junior section Pui To came in first with 29 points closely followed by Tai Ming with 28 points.

Stephen Xavier, who will be representing the Colony in the Asian games came fifth, as expected, in the 100 and 200 metres dashes in 11 sec. and 22.5 secs. respectively.

The Senior 400 metres was run at a fast pace with Ko Shutsyee (Pui Kiu) coming in first with a time of 53.9 secs. closely followed by Cheng Chek-yuen (New Methods) and Leung Kam-po (St. Joseph's) who came in second and third respectively.

The only record broken in the meet was in the Senior Hop Step and Jump when George Tam jumped 13 metres (42 feet 7½ inches).

A. F. Colaco of the Technical School came near the Colony record in winning the 400 Metres Hurdles in 64 seconds.

The rate of the race was the Senior 4 x 400 metres relay when La Salle came in first with a time of 3 mins 47.4 secs. after trailing behind until the last 30 yards when Lee Shiu-chung just managed to edge out Heung To's anchor man to come in first. The race started with Heung To in the lead followed by La Salle. This order was maintained until the final change over when Lee with his small but rapid strides cut down the lead and in the last 30 metres, forged ahead to win by a few feet.

Mr. Haldie Leung in a short speech said that there were more entries this year than last year and that athletes are becoming more popular, and introduced Mr. Chan Lam-cheung, vice-president of the South China Athletics Association who presented the prizes to the winners.

FAST RUN BY JOHN LANDY

Melbourne, Apr. 23. John Landy, Australia's top miller, ran three-quarters of a mile race in 2 mins and 48.4 secs here in his last run before leaving for Europe in a few days' time.—Reuter.

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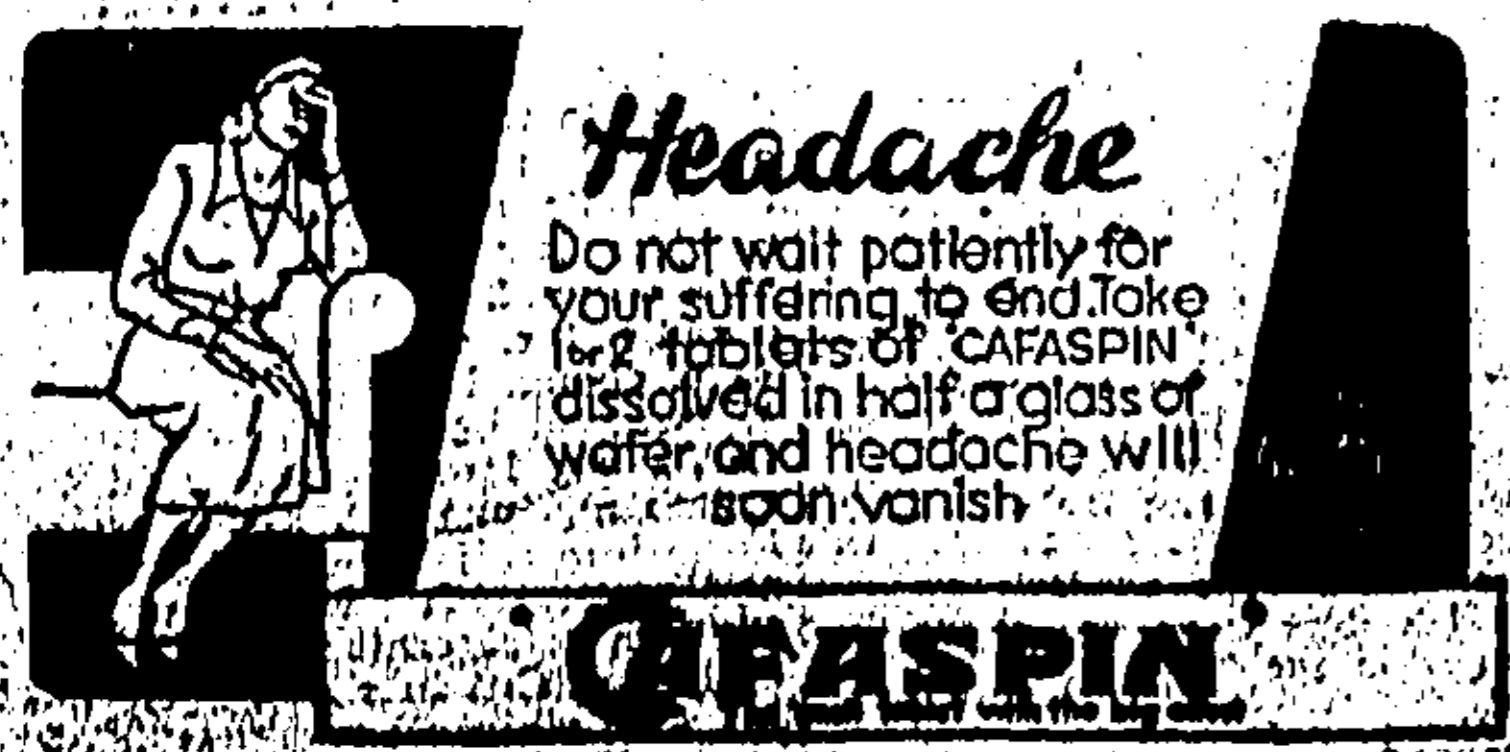
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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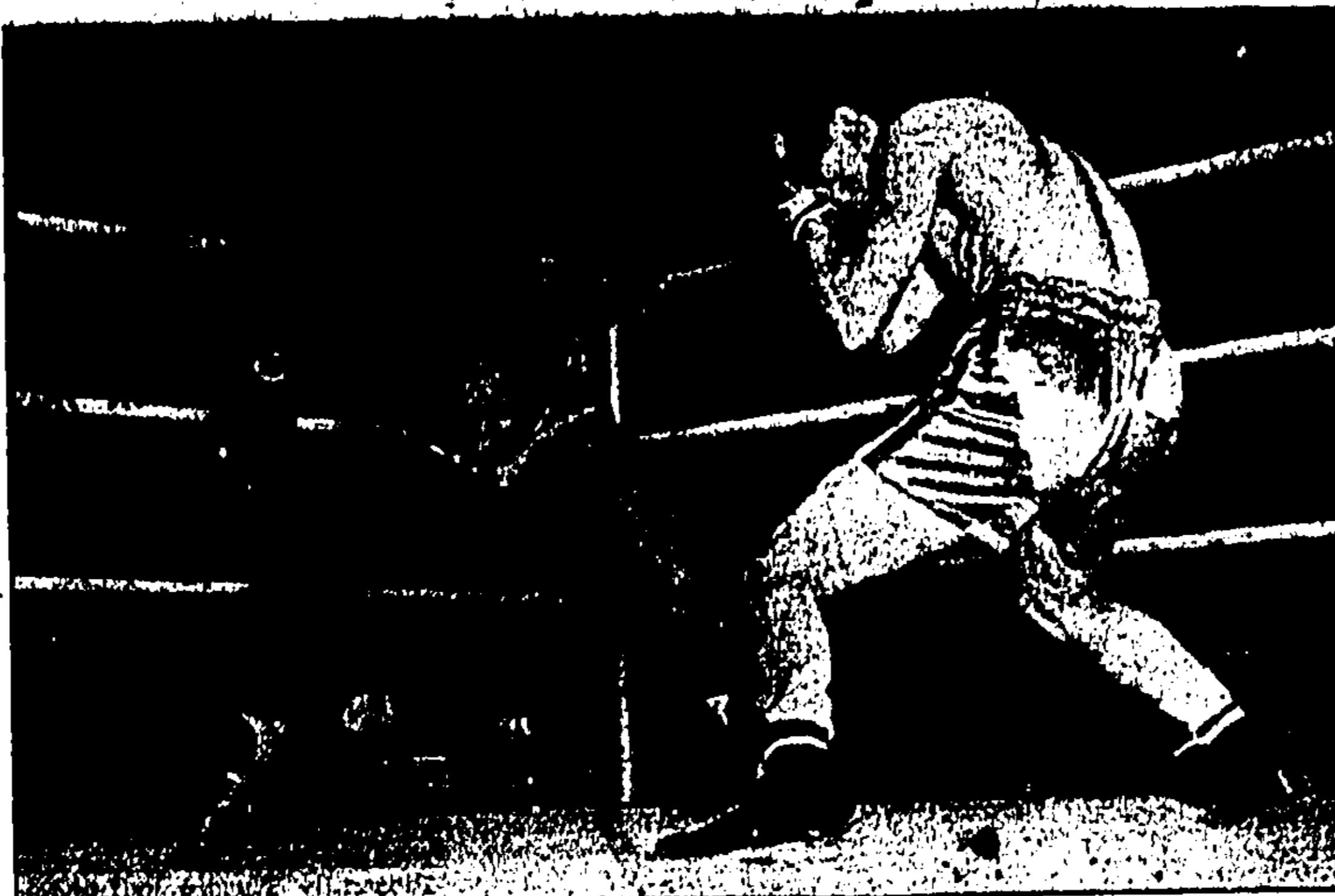
11th Race Meeting
1st & 8th May, 1954.

Through Tickets for the above Race Meeting may be purchased per day or for both days. If purchased per day the cost is \$20, or \$40 for both days.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.



JAKE TULL ON THE LOSING END



Jake Tull, the British Empire Flyweight Champion, was, for a change, on the losing end. He is seen (left) during the 10-round bantamweight contest against Dante Bini of France at the Empress Hall on April 14 which he lost on points.—Central Press Photo.

Much Of The Old Sparkle Should Return To County Cricket This Season

London, Apr. 25. Much of the old sparkle which has been missing from postwar cricket should return to the game this season, beginning next week, following the "get on with the game" lead given recently by the Marylebone County Club.

The dreary approach to the game of some clubs and players has been responsible for diminishing attendances at County games, but the intense interest in matches is evidence that there is still a deep rooted love of the game in England.

It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that if they use them they are able to a sharp rebuke from headquarters much good will have been done.

PAKISTAN TOUR

Certainly it is that Pakistan, the youngest of the cricket countries, will co-operate in this other cricket move. Since being elected to the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1952 Pakistan have impressed by their determination to show the world that they are worthy of the status achieved.

The same keenness to succeed is to be expected to show itself in their cricket. Whatever their shortcomings in ability

they are not likely to fail through lack of fighting spirit.

Few expect Pakistan to beat England in any of the four Test matches, but it would be a mistake to underestimate them.

Given a fine summer and a good start to the tour, the team could well develop into a useful side capable of upsetting many of the counties.

From the look of the side it appears that Pakistan will be stronger in batting than bowling. Most of the bowlers are useful batsmen and it is expected that there will be run-getting talent down to number nine in almost any side selected.

Pakistan have been quietly, but efficiently, building their resources for the tour and they have gone to great lengths to ensure that they acquit themselves creditably. Promising young players have been given every chance to accustom themselves to turf pitches which they normally seldom encounter.

A number of players who toured England with unimpressive records in 1952 and 1953, playing minor matches, have been included in the side. In addition, a few of their leading and most promising cricketers were sent to indoor schools in England for special coaching.—China Mail Special.

DICK SAVITT SURPRISES AT HOUSTON

Houston, Texas, Apr. 25.

Unseeded Dick Savitt today whipped Hamilton Richardson in four sets to win the 20th annual River Oaks tennis tournament, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

It was the first time an unseeded player had ever won the swank affair, and Savitt's stunning victory over his much younger opponent was a fitting climax to this year's star-studded event.

Throughout the tournament, which saw the defending champion dropped in the quarter-finals, Savitt has had to come back from a shaky start to win his matches, and today it was no different.

LONG TRAIL BACK

Richardson had chalked up four straight games in the first set with Savitt getting only four point totals in all four games. He started the long trail back on his own service, but it was too late to do much good in the first set.

But thereafter, the 27-year-old former Wimbledon Champion virtually crushed the lanky Tulane University player with a smashing attack directed mostly from the baseline.

Savitt, whose last tournament was one year ago here, astounded his partial crowd of "home townies" by toppling Gardner Muldy in the quarter-finals and most had thought he had gone his limit when he downed Vic Selsas of Philadelphia in the semi-finals.—United Press.

21 Probable Starters For The Guineas

London, Apr. 24.

Twenty-one probable starters and jockeys for the Two Thousand Guineas, first classic event of the year to be run over one mile at 1355 GMT at Newmarket next Wednesday, April 28, are:

Landsau (Sir Gordon Richards), Ferriol (W. R. Johnstone), Cook-rulah (J. Sime), Noble Charger (no jockey), Arabian Night (T. Godling), Royal Challenger (E. Britton), Moonlight Express (G. Mercer), King's Evidence (E. Britton), Poona (C. Smirke), Lois Fly (R. Pinnellet), Court Splendour (W. Neveit), Sun Festival (no jockey), Darius (E. Mercer), Infatuation (K. Gethin), Valerius (T. Mahon), Tudor Honey (W. Rickaby), Oriental Girl (W. Tyrell), King Bruce (F. Dux), Coronation (L. Marshall), Deneiste (F. Palmer) and Vale (D. Smith). All carry 120 lbs.

1,000 GUINEAS

The field for the Guineas Classique, the One Thousand Guineas, also numbers 21. This event is to be run over one mile at Newmarket at 1355 GMT next Friday, April 30. Probables and jockeys are:

Gem II (no jockey), Elizabeth Tudor (J. Master), Cordova (J. Doyen), Just Storm (E. Mercer), Big Berry (L. Piggott), Tahiti (M. Lutaud), Sundry (D. Smith), Boston (A. Breslley), Silver (W. H. Carr), Persian Queen (no jockey), Fresco (E. Britton), Bibi (no jockey), Peacock (C. Sparke), Sybil's Niece (M. Hinkley), Havasante (no jockey), Cascade (E. Smith), Kay (Sir Gordon Richards), Vanieste (C. Smirke), Welsh Fairy (F. Dux) and Fair Jane (F. Palmer). All carry 120 lbs.

THE GAMBOLES . . .



HONGKONG SELECTION 3, ALL INDIA 1

BOTH DEFENCES WERE TOO GOOD FOR THEIR FORWARD OPPONENTS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

At 6.31 p.m. yesterday afternoon Lee Tai-fai swerved slightly to his right and from a spot about 20 yards out from the All India goal head sent a beautiful right foot shot screaming into the top left hand corner of the net.

It was a grand goal but it was also the first thing of note that had happened in the game. The first half-hour has been taken up with thrust and parry football and Lee's shot gave the spectators their chance to open their throats and cheer.

When the interval arrived the score was unchanged and this was due to the fact that both defences had been much too good for their forward opponents. During the break—and quite irregularly—both sides made changes. India dropped Braganza and Dutt and substituted Gokul and Noor, while Hongkong brought Tang Yee-kit into the centre-forward role to the exclusion of Loader.

BROUGHT COHESION

Play in the second half was very much better, and Tang Yee-kit brought a cohesion to a home front line that had been sadly lacking in the early stages.

The KMB centre-forward—with the assistance of an Indian defender—put Hongkong in the lead midway through the half and a few minutes later Hau Ching-to made the total three.

With the game safe the home side played much better football than at any time in the game, but in a quick breakaway the visitors got a surprise goal when Cheung Koon-hing dived on the ball and then let it slip out of his grasp for Thangaru to tap it into the net.

This ended the scoring although Reeves had the misfortune to see a well taken goal struck off for a goalmouth offence by another forward.

This Hongkong defence looked a much better combination than that which played on Saturday. Hung Hing-yuk and Wells were excellent backs while Frazer, flanked by two thoughtful and competent wing halves, had just about his best representative game in the Colony.

Chan Fal-hung had a first rate game and confirmed my belief that he is far and away the best right-half we have.

It was in the forward line that the problems existed. Louder, Reeves and Gardner will want to forget that this game ever took place. The big airmen was never capable of working the light ball, but even Tommy Lawton would have had trouble with the brand of passes Frazer had on this occasion.

Gardner and Reeves both had a poor game. They never hit it off as a wing and it was obvious that the Club player was ill at ease on the touchline.

COMBINED WELL

Lee Tai-fai and Hau Ching-to often combined well and any real danger to the Indians came from the left, although Tang Yee-kit certainly put some constructive power into the line in the second half.

In the Indian team Sanjiva did not have as good a game as he had on Saturday. Mana was badly misled from the defence although Muthu, who replaced him, played quite well.

Aziz repented his good form of this statement is that it pinpoints the fact not generally realised that the fielding side can play a large part in slowing the game. Too often it is assumed that the batsmen necessarily determine the tempo, but even the most skilled players cannot be expected to push along the score against tactics of bowling wide of the leg stump to a defensive field or of time wasting by the bowler and by the fielders in changing over.

Exactly how the MCC propose to deal with further cases of such practices is not clear, but if the feeling has been implanted among County captains

they are

not to be found for this brilliant keeper in First Division football." Now I am convinced that a place simply must be found for him. He is a goalkeeper of the highest merit and he would make rapid strikes if playing regularly in top class football.

The game as a whole was pleasant entertainment without ever rising to any great heights. The Indians showed that they were clever and competent players and with a little luck they might have won, but that is more a sad reflection on the Hongkong side than praise for the visitors.

The local side was often clever in a repetitive way of our annual process of what is mildly termed "load shedding" of their playing style.

Bluntly this means that any number from 500 to maybe 1,000 surplus players will be sacked partly to make way for new blood from Amateur ranks or other professional clubs, but mainly for reasons of economy by cutting down on off season expenses.

Players who get "not retained" notices realise of course that pruning is necessary to some extent and that most of them will be signed up without delay by other team-building clubs.

But a big number of players will be destined to move into non-Singapore football or out of the sport altogether because League clubs interested in them cannot afford the prohibitive transfer fees asked by their former employers.

These hapless footballers are deserving of better treatment. Merely because they struck a bad patch and were off form for a time is no reason that their entire football career should be jeopardised.

At least one club, Charlton Athletic of London, sets a praiseworthy example which could and should be followed.

This First Division club have never penalised a player whom they no longer require.

Charlton manager Jimmy Seed has strong views on the subject. "Even if the player had cost £10,000," he said, "he should still be allowed to go without a fee once it has been decided not to keep him."

"If the club has no further use for him, the manager has obviously made a mistake in signing him and the player should not be made to suffer for that mistake."

The policy of Jimmy Seed's club, if generally adopted, would remove from British football the cynical attitude that the present system of shackling a player is akin to slave dealing.

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COLONY OPEN SENIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS START TONIGHT

By "ARGONAUT"

The Colony Open Senior Badminton Championships open simultaneously at Club de Recreio and St Teresa's Club this evening, but instead of the originally scheduled ten matches only seven will be played off.

The revision of programme has been necessitated by the inability of the Manila competitors to arrive in Hongkong until tomorrow.

Three good men singles and one ladies' singles game will be seen at St. Teresa's. E. Marquez-Lim, who lost to F. M. Rozario in three sets in last year's Junior Men's Singles semi-final, will be afforded a grand opportunity to avenge his defeat when he meets Rozario in the first round of the senior

men's competition at 8.30 p.m.

Although Rozario will have the advantage of superior stamina and the confidence of having beaten his opponent before, Lim's fine fighting qualities may yet carry him through.

J. B. Pomroy, Jr. enjoys a slight edge over former Junior Champion J. A. Soares in what is expected to be another closely contested game, while Jimmy Ku, another former Junior champion, may have to produce his best form to get past his Craigmowen clubmate M. A. Ibrahim.

The Ladies' Singles will bring in a newcomer in Cinder Ho. Junior Champion Bernadine Remedios will start as favourite in this match, but is likely not to have matters much of her own way from what I have seen of Cinder Ho's capabilities.

AT RECREIO

Only three matches are scheduled at Recreio. The Men's Doubles will provide a comfortable passage for Albert Tam and Y. S. Lim.

In the Mixed Doubles the title-holders, Ramon Young and Winnie Cheung, are not expected to have much difficulty in eliminating B. K. L. Lui and K. F. Lan, but a keen fight is expected in the remaining Mixed Doubles clash between P. H. Wong and Ultan Khoo and Bill Fung and Diana Yung.

Eleven-year-old Diana Yung holds the distinction of being the youngest player to have ever competed in the Senior Championships and may provide the surprise packet if her nerves do not give way.

The Championship matches continue tomorrow with a full programme at Craigmowen and Recreio. Here, however, a word of comment on the programme is not out of place. It is noticed that two singles matches have been arranged at Recreio.

The Club de Recreio has very graciously put its court at the disposal of the Badminton Association, and while it is no fault of theirs that the Recreio court is not as big as us, it is felt that the Association is not making full use of the facilities at its disposal.

It is strongly recommended that all singles matches, whether they be "easy" ones or not, should be played at either St. Teresa's or Recreio and the Recreio court be utilised for all doubles games.

This should be more especially so when visiting competitors are involved as they should be given the best facilities that Hongkong is capable of.

TODAY'S MATCHES

(At St. Teresa's)

Senior Men's Singles—J. A. Soares v. J. B. Pomroy, 7.30 p.m.; J. A. Ibrahim v. Jimmy Ku, 8 p.m.; F. M. Rozario v. Ed Marquez-Lim, 8.30 p.m.

Senior Ladies' Singles—Cinder Ho v. Bernadine Remedios, 7 p.m. (At Recreio)

Senior Men's Doubles—B. A. Xavier & A. A. da Rosa v. A. Tam & Y. S. Lim, 8 p.m.

Senior Mixed Doubles—B. K. L. Lui & K. F. Lan v. Ramon Young & Winnie Cheung, 7 p.m.; P. H. Wong & Ultan Khoo v. Bill Fung and Diana Yung, 8.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

(At Craigmowen)

Senior Men's Singles—Ko Wong v. Bill Fung, 7 p.m.; Tu Si Gang v. Bill Fung, 7.30 p.m.

Senior Mixed Doubles—P. H. Wong & Robert Tay v. J. B. Pomroy & J. A. Motta, 8 p.m.

Senior Ladies' Singles—Cinder Ho v. Bernadine Remedios, 7.30 p.m.; Ultan Khoo v. Helen Medois & S. Coira v. Helen Wong, 8 p.m.

O'BRIEN NEAR 60 FEET IN SHOT PUT

Dos Molins, Apr. 24.

Parry O'Brien, United States holder of the Olympic weight title, beat his own world record when he put the shot 59 ft. 9 1/2 ins. in an exhibition performance here today.

O'Brien's world mark is 59 feet and 2 1/2 inches.

His feat will be recommended for official recognition, but it was explained that normally in such exhibitions three competitors must be entered for a performance to be recognised.

It is expected therefore that the "it will only rank as a note" by performance—Reuter.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

..... Club.

..... Signed.

TREASURED TROPHY



Snooker Champion Joe Davis and his wife, June, get out one of his most treasured trophies, a reproduction of the World Snooker Championship Cup, to show to television viewers looking-in on their ninth wedding anniversary.

The Cup replica was presented to Joe by a number of friends to commemorate his having held the world title, without defeat, for 20 years.—Reuterphoto.

ARMY "A" AND KGV GIRLS THE WINNERS AT HOCKEY FESTIVAL

But for the Second Division League final between Nav Bharat and Recreio "B" which is due to be played off at the Pool ground, King's Park, this afternoon, the Colony's hockey season officially came to a close yesterday with an end-of-season Hockey Festival.

Although entries for the competition were rather disappointing, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all who took part in the festival.

Mr F. Stronk as the MC ran the whole show smoothly. The Army gave excellent support in the field arrangements, while the NAAFI earned the gratitude of players, umpires and spectators with their supply of life-saving refreshments in the intense summer heat.

A notable job was also done by the handful of umpires present, and one of them could have easily walked away with the umpiring trophy, had there been one, by taking seven games in one afternoon.

Ten teams took part in the men's event. Recreio was conspicuously missing among the entries, and Army "A", as expected, proved to be just that shade too strong for the other teams.

They qualified for the final at the expense of the Sookunpolas and Argonauts against Nav Bharat who worked their way up in the lower section by defeating Army "B".

The final saw Army "A" enjoying all-round superiority over a gallant Nav Bharat XI.

The soldiers scored one goal in the first half after dominating play throughout the half and added two more goals in the second half. Goal scorers were McMahon (2) and Westmacott (1).

In the ladies' section, King George V "A", winners of the League and the seven-a-side hockey competition, completed a most successful season by garnering their third title.

After surviving a strong challenge from Recreio "A", whom they just edged by a corner advantage after being led 1-0 most of the way, they played brilliant hockey in the final against the Dorians whom they beat by 2-1.

Suzanne Hewson gave the School an early lead with a hard shot from a short corner. In the second half Sheila Hall increased the lead.

Phyllis Bills put the Dorians within striking distance with a slinging shot into the net, but though they tried hard the Dorians could not pierce the determined defence of the School for the remaining period of the game.

RESULTS
Men's 1st round: Army "A" beat Sookunpolas, Dutch H. C. beat R.A.F., Nav Bharat beat St. Joseph's, Army "A" beat Argonauts, Ace beat Royal Navy, 2nd round: Army "B" beat Dutch H. C., Nav Bharat (bye), Army "A" beat Ace, Semi-final: Nav Bharat beat Army "B", Army "A" (bye), Final: Army "A" beat Nav Bharat 4-0.

Consolation plate: 1st round: Sookunpolas beat R.A.F., Argonauts beat St. Joseph's, Royal Navy (bye), Semifinal: Argonauts beat Royal Navy, Sookunpolas (bye), Final: Sookunpolas beat Argonauts by one long corner.

Ladies' 1st round: Dorians beat Victorians, K.G.V. "B" beat Gemilias, K.G.V. "A" beat Recreio "B", 2nd round: Dorians beat K.G.V. "A", Recreio "B" (bye), Final: K.G.V. "A" beat Dorians.

Basle, Apr. 26.

Germany beat Switzerland by five goals to three after leading 4-0 at halftime today in an international football match here.

A crowd of 55,000 saw the match which marked the opening of the new St. Jakob Stadium.

AS HE HEADS FOR JAGAN LAND

McDonald Bailey Leaves A Few Odd Thoughts Behind

By GEORGE WHITING

Emmanuel McDonald Bailey, sprinter-cum-footballer-cum-world-traveller, has got a new job, three chilblains, and a firmly declared opinion that the colour bar would disappear if there were more people about like Prince Philip.

Said McDonald:

"I was introduced to Prince Philip with the Olympic team at Buckingham Palace in 1952, and met him again after the Games in Helsinki, where he told me I had a lot for British sport and deserved all the luck in the world."

"That was fine. But the greatest gesture of all came later, when the Prince spotted me sitting several rows back and waved to me at a big flight at Harringay."

"You forget all about colour bars when that sort of thing happens to you."

ASPERITY

That anecdote—with others, less pleasant—McDonald Bailey is taking with him next month to British Guiana which I always thought was a place populated by bottle-throwers at cricket matches. Dr and Mrs Jagans, rabblerousing Reds, and the A-gyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

It seems they also have ordinary people like you and me out there—people who run and jump and swim and cycle and hit a ball about without losing their tempers. And it also seems that McDonald Bailey is going to help them do a bit more in these directions.

"The other day I was told there was no restaurant service on my train north. Then the attendant recognised me, asked for my autograph and fell over himself fetching and carrying.

"All ridiculous incidents, but not too pleasant when they happen to sensitive newcomers from the Commonwealth."

Trinidad-born McDonald, off on May 4 with his wife and three children to organise sport among 36,000 employees of an English sugar company in Georgetown, has been "curt" for the last ten years.

In that time he has hot-footed it through British athletics to the tune of several sprint records, served with the Royal Air Force, argued pungently but politely with the big shots of sport, married Doris Wells, of Bloomsbury, somersaulted in and out of Rugby League football, written books, made money out of running-shorts and rum, and sparked off explosions left, right and centre.

Undoubtedly a personality—and one we cannot afford to depart without some observa-

tions on our island scene and on life as he hopes to find it when he gets back among his own people.

"Of course there is a colour bar in Britain, and so there is everywhere else," he said. "But only by people with big heads and small minds, admitting their own inferiority complex. Most of it has its roots in silly little incidents."

"I have your snubs, and we have both 'sahib' types and coloured people full of prejudices. If either kind wants to snub me—let them. I've moved around enough to take no notice, but the whole silly business still crops up now and again."

And had McDonald Bailey any parting message for the athletes of England? Certainly he had.

any more than my wife did when we spent three months in Trinidad seven years ago."

That seemed to be enough about skin pigment, so I swerved a bit, into the less touchy realms of sport.

Less touchy? Wrong there, I'm afraid. For instance, there was that controversial Rugby League experiment at Leigh, Lancashire—with best part of a four-year contract tossed out in an atmosphere of what you might call cordial good riddance.

"Let us say," said McDonald judiciously, "that the players were all nice chaps, but that I found a lot to be desired in the relationship between players and management."

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4-MINUTE MILE

He thinks the four-minute mile will come earlier than many people expect—probably from Landy of Australia or Bannister of England. He considers his greatest achievement the winning of 14 AAA titles between 1948 and 1953.

He remembers with pride that he shook hands with the Queen three times in one afternoon at the White City. He could say plenty about sham amateurism, or would rather not.

He thinks us one and all for four adventurous years, and asks me, cryptically, to pass on a quotation from Thomas Edison.

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NATO Officers Study At Napoleon's Old School

Paris, Apr. 26.

In the high-ceilinged classrooms of the Ecole Militaire here, a young student officer named Napoleon Bonaparte once learned the art of war.

In the same buildings today, high-ranking officers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation are learning the infinitely more complicated lessons of defence.

The "Little Corporal" from Corsica studied at the Ecole Militaire as a sub-lieutenant.

Most of today's Atlantic Pact officers wear the insignia of Colonel or its Navy equivalent, or hold the diplomatic rank of consul.

Each "member"—they are not called students—is picked specially by his Government to attend the Defense College of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Few of them are well known, except in back-room circles where staffs of experts work out decisions announced by front-page names. But they represent all the countries belonging to the North Atlantic Pact, except Iceland, which has no armed forces, and Luxembourg, which maintains less than a brigade.

The Defence College, lying in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, is overlooked by the great golden dome of the military museum of Les Invalides. Under that dome today remains the old 17th century classrooms in the wing used by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, have been divided horizontally, providing rows of neat, sound-proofed offices and Committee rooms, instead of echoing lecture halls.

More than 200 men have already received their special graduation scrolls. The fifth

six-month class is in progress now.

To deal with the language problem, each member must be fluent in either English or French. Simultaneous translation earphones are used for lectures and conferences.

But sometimes "English" has to be translated into English—for example, in the case of a Norwegian lecturer speaking English with an accent which might be difficult for a textbook-trained Turk to follow.

The social life of the members is not limited to the Defence College, since they are billeted all over Paris. But there are "college" dances, dinners and cocktail parties. One class even held a reunion in Copenhagen a year after graduation.

The work at the Defence College, which was the brain child of General (now President) Dwight Eisenhower when he was Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEUR), reflects the current emphasis on quality instead of quantity.

A look back at 1953 shows that the quality of the Atlantic Pact forces has been greatly improved, both through practice in basic manoeuvres and training in future atomic tactics. This trend continues in 1954.

During 1953, more than 100 training manoeuvres were carried out. Some of them were command post exercises on paper for the benefit of Staff Officers working out problems of logistics, mobility of reserves and defence strategems. But the majority were actual operations, designed to give the frontline and support troops the experience they would need in the event of an attack by an aggressor.

An indication of the advance in the defences of the alliance is that three major manoeuvres, involving land-sea and air forces and stretching from the shores of the United States and Canada through West Germany to Turkey in the Middle East, were carried out almost simultaneously.—China Mail Special.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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PIANIST ENTRANCES AUDIENCE

The audience at the Empire Theatre last night, which included His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, and Lady Grantham, sat entranced while Gor de Groot, the visiting Dutch pianist, gave his first public performance in Hongkong.

Gliding through the intricacies of Chopin's music with effortless ease, he held the audience under a spell, which was only shattered when spontaneous applause burst forth.

Choosing a varied and interesting programme, he began with Beethoven's 18th Sonata, Op. 31, No. 3. This seldom heard work was impressive, especially the Scherzo and Minuetto, with their constantly abrupt changes of mood.

Four contrasting Chopin pieces showed Mr de Groot's mastery of the keyboard and his interpretations were filled with tremendous emotion. He played the Etude in A flat, Berceuse, Op. 57, Mazurka in C sharp minor, Ballad, Op. 23, in G minor.

Spanish music brought out his best, and enthralled the audience when he played Rumores de la Calota, Sevilla and Cadiz by Albéniz, Chabrier's Scherzo-Valse and de Falla's Ritual Fire Dance were also included.

Rachmaninoff was represented by his exquisite Prelude in G major, which was captivally played. He also played Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14, by Mendelssohn.

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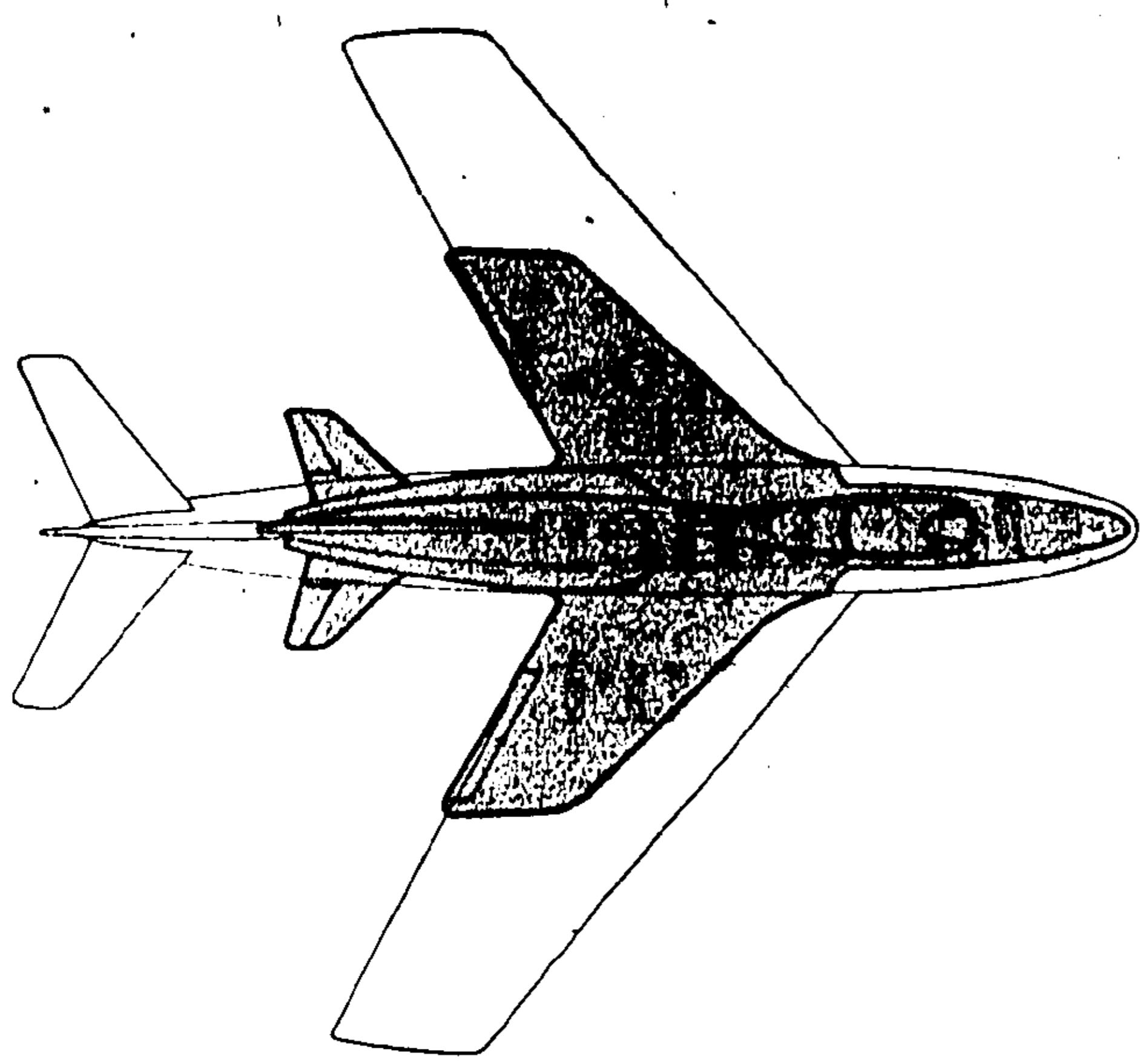
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Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From London

If You're Doing A Lot Of Flying, Then Buy A "Season Ticket"

This week's "Round-up" from London tells you how London overseas airlines are operating a unique "season ticket" service for the world's businessmen who have to travel from country to country by air; there is also an item telling you about the development by a British company of new long-range navigation aids which could span the world's longest air routes. Finally, a prominent British aircraft designer draws a comparison between the art of the famous sculptor, Henry Moore, and the art of aircraft engineering. The "Round-up" comes to you weekly from the headquarters of the British aviation industry, the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, London.

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Dectra Described

The Dectra system is intended to operate between the two terminals of a particular air route; Prestwick and Gander, for example. It consists of one high-powered "Master" station giving continuous wave transmissions on a selected frequency at each end of the route, combined with transmitters from nearby "Slave" stations. Ranges of 2,000 miles are possible with this aid.

Mounted in the pilot's cockpit would be a small box holding a chart — the Flight Log — across which a pen would draw the aircraft's track. The chart would probably have a variable scale, about 2 miles to the inch at the terminal airfields, and 40 miles to the inch mid-route where great accuracy is not required.

Normally one chart could cover a complete route, and it will not be necessary to adjust the equipment in the air.

The weight of Dectra would total about 130 lb. A combined airborne receiver capable of operating on the standard Dectra system as well as Dectra, could be put into action in under a year.

Dectra is a longer-term pro-

position — three or four years off — but capable of much greater coverage. Like the European Decca Navigator System, Dectra

could be used by both aircraft and ships, and a network of 12 pairs of ground stations could cover the world.

Disadvantages

The great majority of transatlantic services are flown at night at present, and auto-navigation is still a standard procedure. Although there are navigation aids covering both North and South Atlantic routes, they suffer from a number of disadvantages.

However, the cost of setting up a new network of ground stations to cover these enormous areas would be prohibitive for any one company or airline.

It would have to be done on a national scale with, it is hoped, international agreement so that there would be standardized ground and airborne equipment.

What operators want is a system which has sufficient range for the world's longest stage-lengths, one which has intrinsic accuracy which will not decrease in areas where air traffic is heavy, and a system which will allow a pilot his position at a glance.

In the aircraft are two "decometers" or small meters and readings from these are used to determine its position on a special chart, which is overprinted with position lines.

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At present a member receives 100 per cent credit from the Union if its cumulative deficit is ten per cent or less of its quota.

Thereafter the proportion of credit falls and that of gold payments rises until finally when its quota is exhausted the member is settling its current deficits entirely in gold.

A country which finds itself in this position (as the United Kingdom did for a period in 1952) will obviously take the strongest measures to get back into credit.

Likewise a country which is receiving no payment at all in settlement of its monthly surpluses will soon tire of extending 100 per cent credit and receiving no gold payments at all.

As an illustration of how this system works in practice, the United Kingdom which now has a cumulative deficit with the Union of almost £283 million has been settling its recent monthly surpluses with the Union by receiving 50 per cent in gold and by applying the rest to the reduction of the credit previously received from the Union. But it still has a long way to go before it recovers all of the £88 million it has paid out in gold to the Union.

There is also a great reduction in all the paper work which inevitably goes with a multiplicity of parts, so again reducing cost.

Another advantage of integrally-constructed units are their good resistance to fatigue, due to the lack of joints, seams and so on.

They also make possible high surface finish without any of the distortions in shape which can occur in a number of aircraft of the same type produced by existing manufacturing techniques.

Finally, integrally-constructed wings can make ideal fuel tanks, because there are no seams or joints.

Extension Of E.P.U. Almost Certain

From Our Own Correspondent

London, April 25. It is now virtually certain the European Payments' Union will be given a new lease of life for a further 12 months from June 30 next, its present expiry date.

This will be regarded in most European capitals as good news for the E.P.U. has been the most successful of post-war monetary institutions. But it has not been without its controversial aspects, as discussions behind the scenes over the past few months have shown.

Before the Union was officially created in September 1950 the West European countries settled payments between themselves on a bilateral basis, a system which in the absence of convertibility did nothing to bring about the desired and necessary expansion of intra-European trade.

The E.P.U. provides the missing element in this trade by making West European currencies mutually convertible, it thus enables member countries to increase trade between themselves unhampered by shortages of particular currencies.

In effect, members who are in deficit with the Union are granted credit by their more fortunate neighbours who are in surplus. But obviously there is a limit to the amount of credit which a country can be expected to extend to another. Sooner or later it will demand at least partial repayment.

The E.P.U. system ensures that this credit is kept within reasonable bounds and incidentally that surplus and deficit countries alike play their part in bringing about an expansion of trade which is the primary object of the Union.

At the outset, each member country was given a quota in the Union corresponding to its relative trading importance. Members who have subsequently fallen into a deficit with other members as a whole are permitted to draw credit from the Union for a proportion of the current deficits, the remainder being settled by a payment of gold. Creditor countries are compensated partly in gold, the remainder of their current surpluses being settled by an extension of credit.

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City Drama: Man Is Rescued From 8th Floor Window Ledge

A young Chinese man in his middle twenties was rescued by members of the Police Force and Fire Brigade this morning while he was threatening to jump from a back window ledge on the eighth floor of the Bank of East Asia Building.

The man, who is unknown to the occupants of the floor, had climbed onto the ledge sometime after 10 a.m. and began shouting that he was going to commit suicide. The Police and the Fire Brigade were summoned, and the officers hastened up the eighth floor, to reason with the youth.

MURDER TRIAL OPENS

Cheung Cho-wah, 28, unemployed, was this morning brought to trial before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, at Supreme Court on a charge of murdering his common-law wife Lee Shun Chan, at 77 Kam Shan Village on the evening of January 5 this year.

Mr A. Hooton, QC (Solicitor General) assisted by Crown Counsel Mr J.C. McRobert represented the prosecution and Mr C. Loebly, instructed by Mr W.L. Cheung, acted for the accused.

Mr Hooton opened the proceedings by giving a brief resume of the incidents leading up to the time of the alleged murder.

He told the court that the accused had been living with the deceased, Mrs Lee as common-law man and wife but had parted prior to the alleged murder.

On the day of the incident Cheung visited the house of the deceased saying that he wanted to see his children. After being in the house for half an hour Mrs Lee had asked the accused to leave.

The accused left with Mrs Lee walking ahead. A cry of "Save life" was heard by the other occupants of the house and Mrs Lee was found on the ground floor with a wound in her left shoulder.

WENT TO MACAO

The accused disappeared from where he had been living with a kinsman and was believed to be in Macao. The accused was arrested on January 27 on a ship which arrived in Hongkong from Macao.

Meanwhile the Police searched certain premises and found a letter postmarked Hongkong suggesting that the accused had had trouble with a man, and that his wife had driven him to commit an act.

Dr John Chen, surgeon of Kowloon Hospital, said he examined a woman brought into the hospital at about 11.30 p.m. on January 5.

He found that her breathing was laboured, pulse weak and fast and her blood pressure hardly registering. This indicated loss of blood.

He said she had a wound in her back. He gave her treatment but she died at 5.35 next morning.

He found that she died of a sharp instrument piercing the chest wall from the back. The instrument had entered the chest cavity and death was caused through internal hemorrhage.

On being shown an instrument he said it could have been the one used on the night of the incident. He could not say how much force was used because the instrument only came in contact with soft tissues. The blow was struck from above.

BLOOD ON BLADE

Dr Pang Ting Cheung, Police surgeon, said he had examined the instrument believed to have been used to wound the deceased and found a thin film of human blood on the blade but not enough for blood group testing.

Leung Nut-hung, 9 years old, now living with an uncle at 123 Queen's Road, told the court that he had previously lived with his small brother and his mother at the address where the incident took place.

On January 5, his father called to see his mother. He recognized his mother as Leung Nut-hung.

Leung Nut, amaz, said that at 6.30 on the day of the alleged attack he went to fetch some water from the garden. When he took the water away he met a man to her mistress, Mrs Lee. The children were also in the room and he stayed for about 30 minutes. He said he heard the man tell Mrs Lee that he had come to see her.

The case continued.

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"The whole family together at breakfast! Oh, how wonderful! Have I missed anything exciting?"

NEW SPC CENTRE OPENED

After playing an active part in the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, Mrs R. Johannessen, as a farewell gesture, opened the Homunitin Centre of the Society this morning.

Before opening the new Centre, Dr Lee Hah-hong, Chairman of the HKSPC, said: "No doubt some of you will recall the disastrous fire at Homunitin in January 1953, when many families were made homeless. Today, this building is yet another example of how good may come from misfortune."

The Rev Sterling H. White-ner, Hongkong representative of the Evangelical and Reformed Church sent newspaper cuttings and pictures of the fire to his parent organisation in America. These good people, desiring to express their sympathy and do something to help, decided to devote the proceeds of a memorial fund for a late member of their community to aid the unfortunate people of Homunitin. Mr White-ner had for some time been interested in the work of the Society for the Protection of Children, and when he was asked to implement this desire approached the Society with a suggestion that the funds subscribed should be used to help build a Children's Welfare Centre.

The Society was at that time considering ways and means of extending its work, particularly in squatter and Resettlement areas. In consultation with Mr Whitener it was agreed that if Government could make a site available the Society would build a centre at Homunitin.

SITE ALLOTTED

Our application for a site received the sympathetic consideration of the Urban Council, resulting in the allocation of this plot of land.

The next step was to decide on the type of building to be erected and we were again most fortunate, for Mr Robert Fan offered to act as Honorary Architect and draw up plans. Mr J.T. Wakefield, then Chief Resettlement Officer, gave constructive advice and helpful suggestions.

The result of these generous gestures you see here before you.

As Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Children I would like to express appreciation and thanks to Mr Whitener and the people of his organisation, whose donation helped to make this building possible; to Government and the Urban Council, especially the Hon. Dhuun Ruttonjee who from its inception has given the scheme his enthusiastic support; to Mr Robert Fan for the many hours he has devoted to bringing our plans to reality; to Mr Wakefield and the staff of the Resettlement Office; and all who have in any way helped in this stop forward in our programme of expansion.

LEAVING HONGKONG

Most of the work for the building was done during the Chairmanship of Mr R. Johannessen. Both Mr and Mrs Johannessen for many years have given enthusiastic support to the work of the Society.

'What's His Line?' Solution
CHOIR MASTER
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Falconer Winding-Up Petition: Documents Read To Court

A number of documents were read to the Court by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, leading Counsel for the petitioner, Mr J. J. O. King, when hearing of a petition for the winding up of George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., resumed before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Bernacchi said that he had handed to the Clerk of the Court bundles of all documents he proposed to use, some of which he would read in full to the Court and some which his learned friends had agreed would be taken as read.

Counsel said that out of these documents his learned friend (the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Counsel for George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd.) had told him there were only five to which he would take objection and he understood that his friend would take the objection as the documents came up.

The first document read this morning was a circular letter from Falconer's to their overseas buyers which Mr Bernacchi said stressed the need for manufacturers' invoices to be submitted to the directors as required by the auditors. Counsel said that when they came to these goods supplied "to us through Ipekjian Bros. as buying agents, there were never once original invoices provided."

After reading the next document which was addressed to a Mr Lopez in the Philippines, Mr Bernacchi said that it was extremely difficult to understand why for a purchase from Falconer's a cheque for US\$500.00 was to be sent to Ipekjian and up to date it was not possible in any of the appropriate accounts to trace where this item came.

The importance of the agenda of a meeting, which was the next document read, was said Mr Bernacchi, the reason for the loan and increase of salary to King and Rosa-Pereira. He said the Court would recall in the affidavit of Seymour it was said that the increase in Rosa-Pereira's salary was only recently discovered.

Counsel said that he noticed that there had been a scurry to disassociate themselves from this letter and instructed by Ipekjian and Seymour, his friend Mr Winter (Counsel for Ipekjian and Seymour as individual shareholders, and for Ipekjian as creditor) and Ipekjian Bros. (as creditors) the other day stood up and said that it had nothing to do with the auditor as such.

Mr Bernacchi said that Seymour regarded the letter as sufficiently interesting for him to have a number of typewritten copies made, three of which he said were left on the file of the Company. So that, Council alleged, Seymour was not in any hurry to dissociate himself from the letter and he would be surprised, Counsel further alleged, if Ipekjian did not know of its contents.

"It is a typical letter showing how these people were given very general satisfaction for there is no one better qualified for the office, or who would discharge its duties so efficiently.

There are other two appointments however, which the public will learn with pleasure, but which are not announced in the Gazette, although they were made upwards of three days before it was published—we mean Mr. Rienecker's as Colonial Treasurer, and Mr Bridges's as a Legislative Coun-

PROTECTION PLANS

We understand Sir John Bowring, in conjunction with the Naval and Military authorities, has been devising plans for the protection of Hongkong from the Russians. With this view we suspect Admiral Stirling is more needed here than at Singapore; for when the Lady Mary Wood approached Woosung on her last trip up, she found the Prins Menchikoff waiting outside for news from Europe, which having obtained, she started no one knows precisely whether, but probably to some rendezvous in the north. The report about the squadron being at Batavia must have originated in a ruse. In the Russians buying at Manila bills on Batavia, a fact which of course would be reported by the merchants to their correspondents; but they were not aware that Admiral Stirling did not stand direct for Batavia, but

DRUNKEN PLEA

Sentenced by Mr Lawrence Leong to six months hard labour for indecent assault upon a Police Sub-Inspector, Teang Sow-chai asked for

in connection with the larceny counts, appellant claimed he had only taken a pair of earrings and a handbag from a woman—op-

pealed against the sentence.

His Lordship dismissed the appeal and said that he thought he had been very lenient with him.

He allowed an application for amendment of the sentence to be made from March 15.

WELCOME MOVE

We are glad to learn that the Lieutenant-Governor, at the instance of the Acting Attorney-General, has, or is about to—order two or more Chinese Emigration Agents, (of whom the Harbour Master will of course be one,) whose duty it will be to survey vessels, and regulate the number of passengers they can carry.

The necessity for such officers has been long felt, but do nothing Sir George Bonham positively refused to interfere in the matter; and we therefore welcome the step as an omen of practical improvements to be carried out for the new government.

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